

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

[0039]      In a surgical technique for augmentation of the lips, first and second openings are made on a lip. An implant inserting tool is inserted into the first opening and routed through the lip to and out of the second opening. The tool grabs or clamps onto an implant. The tool is then withdrawn back out through the first opening. The implant is released from the tool, with the implant remaining in the lip. The ends of the implant are trimmed and the openings closed with sutures. The surgical technique and tool minimize the risk of bruising or possible hematoma, reduces pain and trauma and allows for faster recovery. Similar techniques and tools may be used to treat skin depressions caused by acne scarring, and for treating nasal labial folds.